

(Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1131, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide certain high cost Medicare beneficiaries suffering from multiple chronic conditions with access to coordinated, primary care medical services in lower cost treatment settings, such as their residences, under a plan of care developed by a team of qualified and experienced health care professionals.

S. 1146

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1146, a bill to direct the Attorney General to provide grants and access to information and resources for the implementation of the Sex Offender Registration Tips and Crime Victims Center Programs.

S. 1244

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1244, a bill to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to protect breastfeeding by new mothers, to provide for a performance standard for breast pumps, and to provide tax incentives to encourage breastfeeding.

S. 1304

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1304, a bill to restore the economic rights of automobile dealers, and for other purposes.

S. 1344

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1344, a bill to temporarily protect the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to establish expanded learning time initiatives, and for other purposes.

S. 1411

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1411, a bill to amend title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to encourage and support parent, family, and community involvement in schools, to provide needed integrated services and comprehensive supports to children, and to ensure that schools are centers of communities, for the ultimate goal of assisting students to stay in school, become successful learners, and improve academic achievement.

S. 1457

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1457, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to authorize reviews by the Comptroller General of the United States of any credit facility

established by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or any Federal reserve bank, and for other purposes.

S. 1490

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1490, a bill to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information.

S. 1492

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1492, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1492, *supra*.

S. 1501

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1501, a bill to provide a Federal tax exemption for forest conservation bonds, and for other purposes.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to reform Postal Service retiree health benefits funding, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 200

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 200, a resolution designating September 12, 2009, as "National Childhood Cancer Awareness Day".

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BURR:

S. 1518. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation that will ensure the Department of Veterans Affairs provides health care to veterans and their families who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina during the years when the base's well water was contaminated by numerous known and probable human carcinogens.

Thousands of Navy and Marine veterans and their families who lived on

Camp Lejeune have fallen ill with a variety of cancers and diseases believed to be attributable to their service at the base in the years before the EPA designated the base as a Superfund site in 1988.

A recent National Research Council report on the contaminated water at Camp Lejeune assessed that there are numerous adverse health effects associated with human exposure to the chemicals known to have been in water at Lejeune that was used for drinking and bathing.

Many years have passed while Lejeune veterans and their families have waited for some hope of progress on this issue. Some have died waiting. Today, there is much that we now know that was not known in the past, especially a growing body of scientific information about the adverse effects these chemicals have on the human body.

The Lejeune veterans and their families deserve clarity on the cause of their conditions and closure on this tragic situation. It is vitally important we give those who are sick the benefit of the doubt. If a veteran or military family member was stationed at Camp Lejeune during the time the water was contaminated, they should be able to come in to a VA medical center for needed health care. This bill is a step toward providing the veterans of Lejeune and their loved ones with the respect they deserve. Quite frankly, it is the morally right thing to do.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 36—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF "NATIONAL PURPLE HEART RECOGNITION DAY"

Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. CRAPO) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

S. CON. RES. 36

Whereas the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use;

Whereas the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President to a member of the Armed Forces who is wounded in a conflict with an enemy force or is wounded while held by an enemy force as a prisoner of war, and is awarded posthumously to the next of kin of a member of the Armed Forces who is killed in a conflict with an enemy force or who dies of wounds received in a conflict with an enemy force;

Whereas the Purple Heart was established on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, when General George Washington issued an order establishing the Honorary Badge of Distinction, otherwise known as the Badge of Military Merit;

Whereas the award of the Purple Heart ceased with the end of the Revolutionary War, but was revived in 1932, the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington, out of respect for his memory and military achievements; and

Whereas observing National Purple Heart Recognition Day is a fitting tribute to